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SUBJECT: OMANI REQUEST FOR INFRA-RED SUPPRESSION KITS

KUWAIT PASS MUSCAT

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1. WE HAVE NOW LEARNED THAT BELL HELICOPTER CAN PRODUCE ON SPECIAL ORDER BASIC INFRA RED SUPPRESSION AUXILIARY EQUIPMENT KIT FOR BELL 205 A-1 HELICOPTER AS WELL AS ITS MILITARY VERSION, THE UH-1H. KIT, WHICH RELATIVELY SIMPLE, CAN BE SOLD ON COMMERCIAL BASIS FOR EITHER 205 A-1 OR UH-1H. BELL'S BRUSSELS OFFICE PRESENTLY DEVELOPING PRICE AND AVAILABILITY DATA FOR 24 KITS REQUESTED BY BRIGADIER SEMPLE FOR OMAN. WE UNDERSTAND BELL MAY BE ABLE TO PRODUCE FIRST KIT WITHIN 6-8 MONTHS. FYI IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THE HARDWARE COMPRISING THE IR SUPPRESSION KIT IS UNCLASSIFIED. HOWEVER, TECHNICAL DATA ON EFFECTIVENESS OF THIS KIT UNDER VARIOUS CONDITIONS IS CLASSIFIED CONFIDENTIAL
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AND IS CURRENTLY NOT RELEASABLE TO GOO. END FYI.

2. DEPARTMENT POUCHING EMBASSY MUSCAT FURTHER UNCLASSIFIED INFORMATION ON KIT, WHICH ESSENTIALLY INVOLVES PROVIDING ENGINE EXHAUST DUCT AND SHIELD ASSEMBLY TO REDUCE INFRA-RED EMISSION FROM HELICOPTERS. KITS WOULD BE COMPOSED OF (1) INSULATED EXHAUST DUCT ASSEMBLY EXTENDING AFT FROM AFT FACE OF UPPER TAIL PIPE FAIRING ASSEMBLY, (2) A BELLMOUTH ASSEMBLY INSTALLED AROUND PERIPHERY OF ENGINE TAIL PIPE, (3) SHEET METAL SHIELD ADDED TO EXTERIOR SURFACE OF LEFT AND RIGHT HAND ENGINE UPPER COWL ASSEMBLY, (4) SHEET METAL SHEILD ASSEMBLY ADDED TO LOWER FUSELAGE AT OIL COOLER, AND (5) MODIFIED UPPER TAIL PIPE FAIRING ASSEMBLY. WE UNDERSTAND BELL HAS ALREADY PROVIDED INFO ON KIT TO SEMPLE.

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